

mention about is not a new issue. My submission to you and, through you, to the Government is this. The Government should come out with a quick decision with regard to this company because the Central Government departments require medicines worth Rs. 1,000 crores a year. P.I.r, IDPL, being a public sector company, is well equipped to supply the required medicines. But, unfortunately, because of the state of the company, this is not happening. Even the Central Government departments are purchasing medicines from other private medicine companies but not from the IDPL. I am not going into the details of the Behl Committee Report or the package that has been offered by the Behl Committee. The question is, there should be an attempt to make it profitable. Or course, it can be made profitable. It can be modernized but a decision should be taken quickly. The company was referred to the BIFR. There have been packages. Packages are pending with the Government. But, the Government is not in a position to take a decision. Opinions have come from all - experts and everybody - expressing that the company can be revived, it can be made profitable and it can be modernized. So, five units, which are under it, can be revived, can be made fully functional and profitable. Sir, I request the Government, through you, to take a quick decision regarding the modernization and revival of this company.

**Enquiry into the mysterious disappearance of Netaji Subhash
Chandra Bose**

SHRI JOYANTA ROY (West Bengal): Sir, news has appeared recently in some national dailies that our Minister of External Affairs has recently visited Japan and has made a small visit to Renkoji Temple where the alleged ashes of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose are being preserved. I believe this seriously concerns the integrity and propriety of the Government. Sir, you know that the question of disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose since 18th August 1945, has been there for more than 50 years. Recently, the Government, in which the hon. External Affairs Minister happens to be the most important Minister, has appointed a one-man enquiry commission. That Commission has not yet started its functioning. The objectives of this Commission, as per the notification issued by the Home Department, cover all aspects relating to his disappearance, including the alleged ashes that have been preserved in the Renkoji Temple. Now, when an enquiry commission has already been appointed and it has set up its office in Calcutta, naturally, the visit of a senior Minister of the Government to that temple is creating confusion and misleading the country. Therefore, Sir, I would like to urge

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upon the Government, particularly the Leader of the House, to make a statement on this issue to clarify the position of the Government because, if the Government is not serious at all to unravell the truth behind the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, naturally, it will create further confusion. Therefore, I would like to request the hon. External Affairs Minister to make a statement in the House so that the people can at least understand as to what was the intention of the hon. External Affairs Minister behind his visit to the Renkoji Temple.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, the Short Duration Discussions.
....(Interruption).... Do you want to say something?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH) :
My visit to the Renkoji Temple, when I was in Tokyo, in no way compromises the working of the Commission, which the Government has appointed. The Commission does its work autonomously and independently. My visit to Japan was organized in consequence of an invitation from the Government of Japan, and the visit to the Renkoji Temple does not compromise the working of the Commission.(Interruption)...

SHRI JOYANTA ROY: It has been reported that he uttered something at the Renkoji Temple and that he will be bringing back the ashes to India... (Interruption).... At this point of time, all this is very confusing.

The Deputy Chairman in the Chair]

SHORT DURATION DISCUSSION

Unprecedented supercyclone in Orissa

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, we will take up the Short Duration Discussion on the unprecedented supercyclone in Orissa. Mr. Das.

DR. M.N. DAS (Orissa) : Madam, with your kind permission, I rise to raise the issue of the terrible havoc caused recently to Orissa by the unprecedented super-cyclone. I used the word "unprecedented", in view of the observations made by experts of the Meteorological Department, and in view of the observations made by all the external agencies that(Interruption)...